

IRS TO ESTABLISH TAX EXEMPT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON -- In an effort to enhance communications with the public, the Internal Revenue Service announced today that it intends to create a Tax Exempt Advisory Committee (TEAC). IRS is also soliciting nominations of individuals to be considered for selection as TEAC members.

The purpose of TEAC is to provide an organized public forum for the IRS and representatives who deal with employee plans, exempt organizations, tax-exempt bonds, and state, local and tribal governments. TEAC will allow IRS to receive regular input on policy along with suggestions on the establishment of the new Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division.

"This group is one more way that we will be able to get valuable public input on tax administration issues and our modernization plans," said IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti. "We believe that TEAC will be an important pipeline between these groups and the IRS."

TEAC members will be appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury and will serve two-year terms. Committee members may not serve more than two consecutive terms. Nominations should reflect the proposed member's qualifications.

Nominations should be sent to Steven T. Miller, Acting Assistant Commissioner (EP/EO), Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Ave. N.W., Room 1311, Washington, D.C. 20224-0001, Attn: TEAC Nominations. For more information call Toni Moore, (202) 622-6700 (not a toll-free number).

A notice published in the Federal Register today contains more details about TEAC and the nomination process.

The IRS currently has three advisory entities -- the IRS Advisory Council, the Information Returns Program Advisory Committee and the Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee.

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